

SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR AUTHORIZING PRINTING SERVICES

A system and method for proper authorization of printing services is described.

The system and method allows networks to control which users have access to printing services and the type of services they may utilize. In one exemplary

- 5 implementation, the system supports a communications link, an agent, and a server. The agent provides an interface connection between a user and the communications link. The agent also assigns an authorization code to a header of a print job sent by the user. A monitoring device for the communications link receives the print job and verifies whether the authorization code is valid,
- 10 prior to permitting the print job to be sent to a printer.

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